

REMARKS

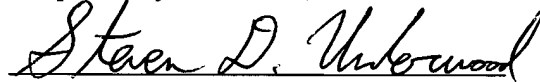
Claims 48-79 are pending in this application; claims 1-47 have been canceled without prejudice. New claims 48-79 are supported throughout the specification, particularly at pages 3-9.

The Office Action mailed November 26, 2004 rejects claims 1-47 on various grounds. However, those claims are now canceled, and new claims 48-79 are believed to be patentable over the cited references because they include, *inter alia*, the additional limitation of calculating turnover slope, which is not believed to be taught or suggested by the prior art. This is not to imply or admit that any of canceled claims 1-47 were invalid over the cited references. The additional limitation of calculating turnover slope has been added solely to advance prosecution of this case and obtain a quick allowance of at least some claims.

No fee is believed due in connection with this Response. However, if any fee is required, please charge that fee to Deposit Account No. 50-0310.

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